

Force in a variety of categories including, the Silver or Bronze Valor Award, the Merit Valor Award, and the Investigative Merit Award.

Three members of the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue are being honored this year for their exceptional service. It is with great pride that I submit the names of the following award recipients:

2014 Bronze Valor Award: Captain Jason Reese and Captain Brian Ferguson.

2014 Merit Valor Award: Captain Tom Clark.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2014 Valor Award Recipients, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Prince William County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 294, on June 10, 2014, I inadvertently voted "aye" on the amendment to H.R. 4745 offered by Mr. SESSIONS of Texas. My intention was to vote "no."

HONORING RONDA R. CLAYTON,
RN, BSN

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ronda R. Clayton, the 2011 recipient of the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence's Rural Practice Nurse of the Year Award.

In 1991, Ronda completed her Bachelor of Science and began her honorable career as a healthcare practitioner in New Mexico. For over 20 years, Ronda has dedicated this time to serving the people of Artesia, New Mexico through her tireless work at Artesia General Hospital, a small, 49-bed, rural hospital.

Serving as a healthcare provider in a rural community invariably means becoming a "jack of all trades" and Ronda exemplifies this characteristic every day she walks through the Artesia General Hospital doors. As the Director of Pharmacy she provides clinical expertise in pharmacy to hospital nurses and medical staff, she develops strategies to move the Department's skill base and technology forward, and she works with patients in the Intensive Care Unit, following up on patients long after they are discharged from the hospital.

With a singular commitment to patient-focused care Ronda took the initiative to develop a program in which patient medication, laboratory and microbiology values, and diagnosis are assessed repeatedly to ensure efficiency. Ronda is everything to everyone—as a co-worker she shows genuine interest in staff development, as a practitioner she takes extra measures to ensure patients, physicians, and

staff are well taken care of, and as a respected member of her hospital, she values the opinions of others and looks for ways to contribute back to her community.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my appreciation to Nurse Clayton for spending so much of her career inspiring young nurses and other healthcare professionals to continue serving rural communities with the same level of passion and commitment that she has shown throughout her years. Ronda is an exemplary New Mexico healthcare success story, and serves as a role model for future generations of healthcare professionals. Ronda's receipt of the Rural Practice Nurse of the Year Award was not only well-deserved, but long overdue.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CAPTAIN LUIS ALBERTO BENEVIDES

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Luis Alberto Benevides for 30 years of military service in the United States Navy. His commitment and service to our great nation deserve to be commended.

In 1980, Mr. Benevides graduated from Livingston High School in Livingston, California. After graduation, he attended Thomas A. Edison State College in New Jersey and graduated in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

Mr. Benevides began his active duty career in 1983 as a U.S. Army Medical Laboratory Technician. In 1987, Mr. Benevides was commissioned as a Surface Warfare Officer in the U.S. Navy. His first assignment as an Ensign was onboard the USS *Implicit*, where he served as the Operations Officer.

In 1988, Mr. Benevides transferred to the USS *Conquest* where he served as the Operations Officer and performed Mine Hunting and Clearance Operations in the Arabian Gulf during the Iran-Iraq War. Soon after returning from the Arabian Gulf, he attained his Surface Warfare Qualification and was subsequently assigned as a Linguist Project Officer.

Mr. Benevides transferred to the Medical Service Corps as a Radiation Health Officer in 1990 and served in Maryland and Hawaii. In 1996, he was selected to assume duties as the Clinic Director of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Branch Clinic and served as the mammography physicist for Hawaii, Japan, and Guam.

While serving the U.S. Navy, Mr. Benevides continued his education and graduated from Georgetown University with a Master's of Science in Radiation Science, and Central Michigan University with a Master's of Science in Health Care Administration.

While on assignment in Hawaii, Mr. Benevides held a professorship at Hawaii Pacific University, where he instructed classes in biology and mathematics. In 2005, after obtaining a Doctorate of Philosophy in Nuclear Engineering Sciences from the University of Florida, Mr. Benevides served as a science advisor and technical manager at the Naval Dosimetry Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

In 2009, Mr. Benevides became the Director for Radiological Controls at Naval Sea Sys-

tems Command. His duties included oversight and management of all the research as well as industrial and operational uses of radiation sources in the Navy and Marine Corps. After the March 2011 Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear accident, his responsibilities were expanded to include consequence management of 30 ships and over 200 aircraft that may have been contaminated. He also provided humanitarian and disaster relief to the citizens of Japan following the earthquake and tsunami.

Throughout his many years of service, Mr. Benevides has been honored with numerous military awards, including Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Captain Luis Alberto Benevides for his many years of service to the U.S. Navy. He is a source of pride for our Central Valley and the entire nation.

NATIONAL MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, as co-chair of the Congressional Men's Health Caucus I am pleased to celebrate National Men's Health Week. This year marks the 20th anniversary of National Men's Health Week, which was started by Congress and signed into law by President Clinton in 1994.

National Men's Health Week was legislation sponsored by Senator Bob Dole and Congressman Bill Richardson and is celebrated each year during the week that ends on Father's Day. Recognizing that many health problems that affect men can be prevented, the week was designed to encourage men, boys and their families to develop positive health habits, engage in preventive behaviors, lead healthy lifestyles, and seek timely medical advice and care. As co-chair of the Congressional Men's Health Caucus, I am proud to celebrate this week and help raise awareness of health issues that affect men, boys, and their families.

I've seen first-hand the importance of health education and awareness for men in particular. As a member of the Delaware Cancer Consortium, a statewide organization dedicated to reducing the impact of cancer in my state, I helped to implement a successful colorectal cancer screening program that dramatically increased screening rates for Delaware men. Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer affecting men; however, Delaware's screening program has helped reduce the rate of colorectal cancer by 41 percent among Delawareans and allowed Delaware to become the first state to eliminate disparities in colorectal cancer screening between Caucasian and African American men. But there is still progress to be made. We need to do a better job addressing the disparity in mortality rates of African American men with prostate cancer, providing early screening for lung cancer, and continuing our commitment to research.